

CORONAVIRUS: HOW TO KEEP SAFE

DO



WASH your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds.

ALWAYS wash your hands when you get home or into work.



USE hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.



COVER your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.

PUT used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

TRY to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

DON'T



DO NOT touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not washed clean.

Regular handwashing for a minimum of 20 seconds at a time remains the best defence against the coronavirus spread

THE Government, Public Health England and the NHS have stepped up their response to the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, and it's important that everyone plays their part in delaying the spread of the virus.

Hackney Council is working closely with public sector partners to keep residents safe and ensure those affected are

getting the support they need. If you have a high temperature (37.8°C or higher) or have a new, continuous cough, you should stay at home for seven days. Do not go to a GP, pharmacy or hospital.

If you feel you can't cope with your symptoms at home, your condition gets worse or you don't get better after seven days, you should visit 111.nhs.uk to get advice.

Only call 111 if you can't get help online. Everyone should continue to wash their hands more often than normal, for at least 20 seconds. You should also cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Council services are operating as normal, but will continue to be

reviewed. Any service changes or event cancellations will be communicated through all Council channels, and the latest information

will always be available at: hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus

The London Mayoral election has been postponed until 2021.

How should I dispose of waste?

If you are asked to stay at home, self-isolate, or feel unwell, you should put any waste or used cleaning materials in a plastic rubbish bag and tie it, before placing it in a second tied bin bag. You should not put this waste out for collection or in communal areas until it has been stored for 72 hours. You can then dispose of waste normally. For questions, email:

hygieneservicesupport@hackney.gov.uk

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NEARLY two months after baby Edward was found wrapped in a blanket in Dalston, social workers at the Council are renewing their appeal for his mum or family members to come forward.

Edward was named after the postman who found him in Sandringham Road on the morning of 25 January, when he was about 12 hours old.

Edward has been living with foster carers and now weighs 8lb 8oz.

Edward's social worker, Jane, said: "Edward is a very sweet, calm and content baby.

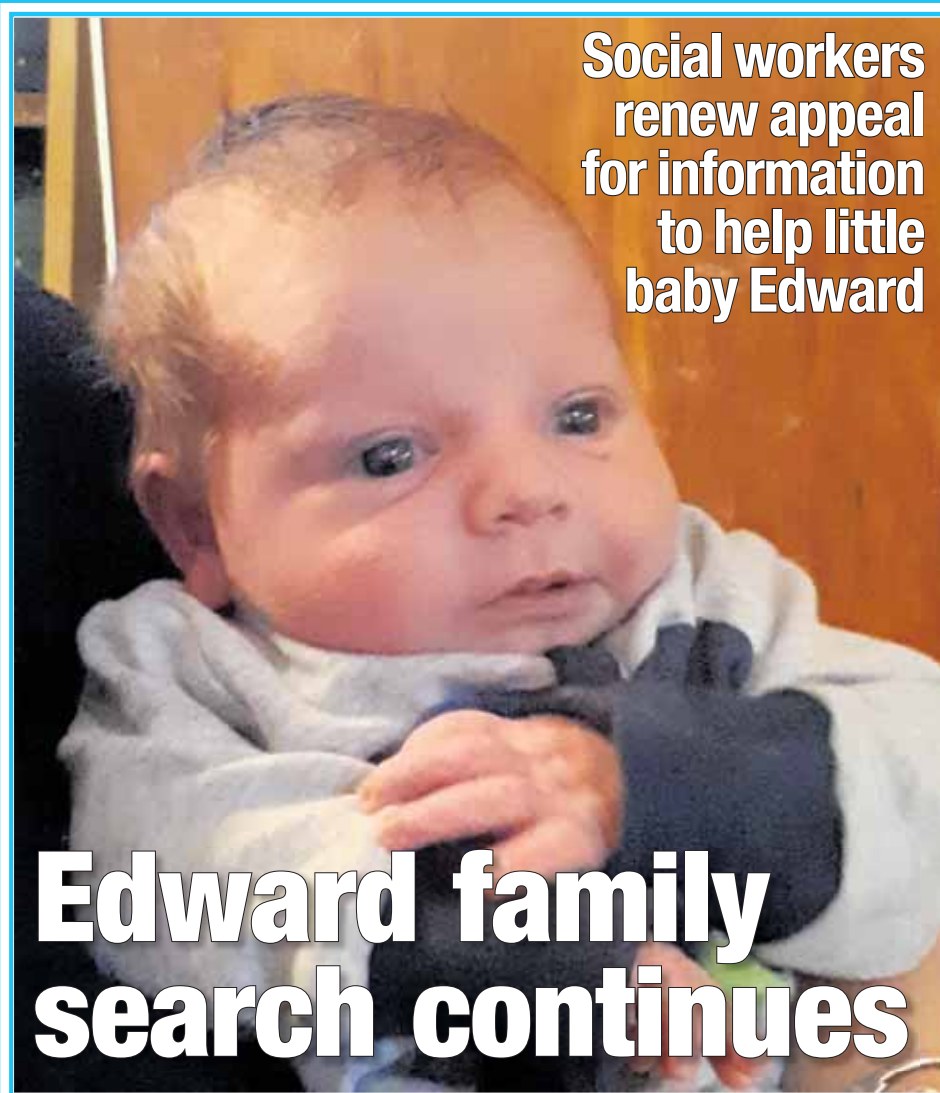
"He is very alert with bright blue-grey eyes. He is trying to smile and makes noises, which is very cute to watch.

"I want his family to know that he is well-looked after and very much loved, but I would really like you to be a part of that, even if it is just so that he knows who you are when he's older.

"It is really important that Edward knows about his history and where he came from as this will help him as he grows and develops.

"We're very keen for you or anyone in Edward's family to come forward and talk to us.

"We will need to begin thinking about his long-term future soon and even if you are not in a position to care for him, it is important that we are able



Social workers renew appeal for information to help little baby Edward

Edward family search continues

Baby Edward, who was found by a postman on a doorstep in Hackney in January

“It is really important that Edward knows about his history and where he came from as he grows and develops”

to explore every possible option for him.”

Edward's mum or family should contact the Council's social workers on: 020 8356 5500, or the

out-of-hours children's social care emergency line on: 020 8356 2710.

Legal proceedings in respect of Edward's long-term future have begun.

The court has indicated it will make a decision in respect of his long-term care by April, and has asked the Council to publicise the fact that his family will be entitled to free legal aid.

CONTACT LINE

For the Council's social workers, call: **020 8356 5500**

£1.5million to transform Shoreditch public spaces

A SERIES of public spaces in Shoreditch have been transformed by Hackney Council with nearly £1.5million of funding secured from developers.

The five spaces — at Brunswick Place, Garden Walk, Bowling Green Walk, Principal Place and New Inn Yard — have been redesigned using money

secured from planning agreements with the Council. Two more — at Pitfield Street and Worship Square — are set to be completed later this year.

Improvements include new materials, lighting and seating as well as changes aimed at improving the borough's



resilience to man-made climate change. The schemes were developed by the Council's in-house urban design team in consultation with local residents and businesses.

Two of them — Principal Place (pictured) and New Inn Yard — have been shortlisted for this year's London Transport Awards.

More local news and events at:
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 or: twitter.com/LoveHackney

KEEP UP
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The 80s make a comeback

New exhibition of
previously unseen
photography to go
on display in May



One of the photographs from the Rio Cinema Archive, which was uncovered when the cinema underwent a refit three years ago

THE extraordinary discovery of thousands of old colour photographic slides is the basis of a new exhibition that sheds light on life in 1980s Hackney.

The exhibition, to be held at Hackney Museum from 12 May to late August, will display the slides which were found in the basement of the Rio Cinema while it was undergoing a refit three years ago.

Rio staff linked the find to a community-funded street photography group called The Tape/Slide

Project. The collective was set up in the 1980s by the late Centerprise Bookshop and gave young people access to professional photography equipment with the intention of capturing the highs and lows of Hackney life. The basement of the Rio was then used as a darkroom.

Recognising the value in this important part of the borough's history, the Rio called on Stoke Newington photographer Alan Denney to restore and digitise the slides, which tally up to 10,000 images. A selection of the

images have already being shared on the cinema's Instagram account.

The Tape/Slide Project captured the activist spirit of the time with photographs from protests in support of the NHS to the peaceful rallies after the murder of Colin Roach at Stoke Newington Police Station in 1983.

They also reveal Hackney as a vibrant, sociable and busy borough from gatherings at the Hackney Show kids festival, nights at the bingo, days on the housing estates, and weekends down a bustling

Ridley Road Market. With each picture telling a thousand stories, work is now underway to connect local people to the images.

Hackney Museum is appealing to anyone who was involved in the Tape/Slide Project, Centerprise bookshop, or the Rio Cinema in the 80s to get in touch and be credited for the work.

MORE INFO

For more info, email:
museumbookings@hackney.gov.uk

News in brief

Coronavirus – some business rates bills to be reissued

ON MARCH 11, the Government announced their tax and spending plans for 2020/21 with the addition of a series of temporary rate reliefs and support for businesses in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Many small retail, leisure and hospitality businesses will now

be exempt from paying business rates for a whole year. These new measures mean that some business rates bills already sent to businesses by Hackney Council for the coming year will need to be corrected and reissued. Visit the Council website to see if your bill is affected at: hackney.gov.uk/br-budget-2020



Apply for free period products to help pupils in state schools

SCHOOLS and colleges in the borough are being urged to apply for a Government scheme so they can provide free period products to students who may otherwise be unable to afford them. The free scheme, which is available to both state-funded primary and secondary schools, and colleges, follows a successful campaign from menstrual equality group the Red Box Project, pictured, and schools in Hackney. Between one in 10 girls between the age of 14 and 21 in the UK are unable to afford menstrual products, while 49 per cent have missed an entire day of school because of their period. The Council wants to ensure that every eligible institution in Hackney is applying for the scheme and has written to all headteachers in the borough. To apply, visit: www.gov.uk and search for 'period product scheme'.



Borough praised for work in safeguarding vulnerable young people

HACKNEY has been praised in a report for local safeguarding partners' work to protect teenagers vulnerable to criminal exploitation.

The study, released by the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel on 4 March, calls on the Government to provide more resources for safeguarding partners.

The aim is to help protect

teenagers being coerced into knife crime and drug trafficking by gangs. Successful programmes deployed in Hackney could be replicated across the country.

The independent panel reviews serious child safeguarding incidents – when children have died or suffered serious harm – to learn how the system can improve its response.



The report titled 'It Was Hard to Escape' is the panel's first national review. It examined the lives of 21 teenagers from 17 areas in the country to understand if the services designed to keep young people safe from criminal exploitation were working.

The study also visited local areas developing solutions, such as Hackney. From school exclusions to

arrests or injury, it's been recognised that frontline practitioners must respond quickly to these moments to help children at risk.

Hackney was noted for its contextual safeguarding work, which has shifted the focus of social work from the family home to consider wider influences.

Deputy Mayor of Hackney, Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, said: "We're

proud to be recognised for our ground-breaking contextual safeguarding work. As times change, so do young people's experiences. It is imperative that we take new approaches to respond to their experiences, to make sure we do everything we can to look after vulnerable young people and give all children the best possible start in life."

**Do you have an idea for a New Social Enterprise
but need funding to set up?**

The Investec Beyond Business Programme, at the Bromley by Bow Centre is offering start-up funding for new or emerging Social Enterprises across Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Newham.

What is the Investec Beyond Business Programme?

- Start-up funding,
- Strategic and business planning guidance, and
- Practical business support including training and mentoring.

Is my idea for a Social Enterprise eligible?

To be eligible for a start up grant of up to £20,000 your idea for a Social Enterprise must:

- Have a sound business proposition and the potential to be financially sustainable without reliance on grant funding
- Have a clear social purpose and outcomes
- Full eligibility criteria will be sent to all applicants.

Need an expression of interest form?

Please contact: Kim Hayman, Investec Beyond Business,
Bromley by Bow Centre,
St Leonard's Street, E3 3BT

Telephone: 020 8709 9722

Email: Kim.Hayman@bbbc.org.uk

The closing date for Submission of Expressions of Interest is 5pm -
15th May 2020.



We urgently need your help to refurbish our ward

My name is Debbie Pegram. I'm the matron in charge of the wards here at St Joseph's Hospice.

I am appealing to community members like yourself to help us update St Michael's ward which hasn't been renovated for over 10 years.

We need to raise £20,000 to renovate a patient bedroom to be brighter, warm and feel like home for patients with life limiting illnesses. If we all donated as little as £10, we could definitely make this happen.

Please make a donation today and help make every moment comfortable for patients and their families.

www.stjh.org.uk/wardrefurb



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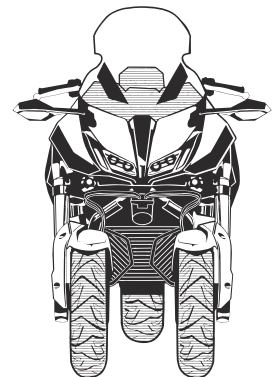
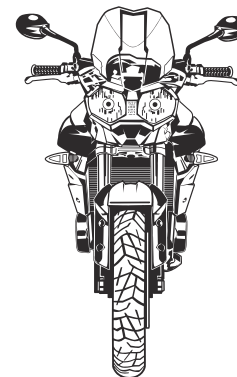
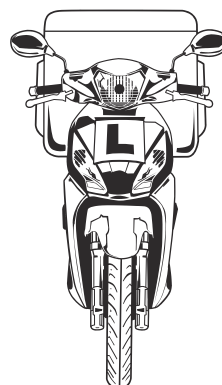
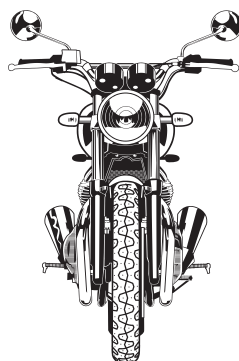
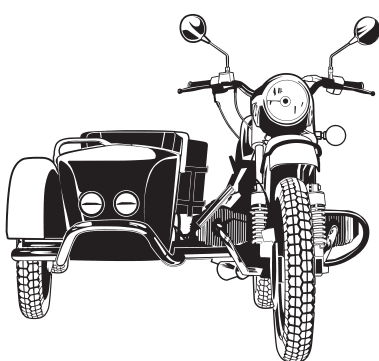


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Every penny will go directly towards refurbishing a patient bedroom within St Michael's Ward. In the event that we receive more than needed, the surplus will be used wherever the need is greatest.

Have your say on changes to motorcycle parking in Hackney



We are proposing to introduce motorcycle parking permits in Hackney, aimed at tackling air pollution from motorcycles by encouraging people to switch to less polluting models. This will also bring motorcycle parking policies in line with cars, which have had emissions-based permits since 2015. **Have your say by Monday 18 May 2020.**



Visit: consultation.hackney.gov.uk and search for motorcycles
Email: parking.policy@hackney.gov.uk
Call : 020 8356 4008

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 Hackney



Mayor's column

Keeping Hackney safe

I UNDERSTAND the anxiety and worry that the Covid-19 coronavirus outbreak may be causing you and your family. I share these concerns, and in the past week, I have met with council leaders from across London, joined a phone call with the Minister for Local Government, and met with the Council's Chief Executive and Public Health Director to discuss our preparedness in keeping residents and staff safe. The Council is working very closely with Public Health England, the NHS and other partners to ensure that those affected are getting the support they need. You can play your part too – by ensuring you follow the steps that everyone is being urged to take by medical professionals. You should wash your hands more regularly and for longer, cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, and avoid close contact with people who are unwell. If you think you have symptoms, visit 111.nhs.uk and follow the instructions. We will continue to update you about any action we need to take as a borough.

Last week, I was proud to stand up for Hackney's residents in Parliament – giving evidence to MPs about why the Government should invest in housebuilding and why new environmental legislation must make sure industry plays a bigger role in tackling the climate emergency. On 9 March, I told the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee how a failed decade of false starts on housing policy meant we are still not building the number of council homes we need. The Government consulted nearly two years ago on changing the rules on how money from Right to Buy sales is reinvested into social housebuilding. They haven't even bothered to publish the results – let alone take action. On 10 March, I gave evidence to a committee of MPs set up to scrutinise and amend the Government's Environment Bill – urging them to ensure that producers and industry are compelled to meet new rules and standards. In Hackney, as many of you will know we've declared a climate emergency, and are taking some of the most robust action in the country in response, including measures to plant tens of thousands of new trees, reclaim our streets from cars for walking and cycling, tackle poor air quality by reducing emissions from cars, reduce single-use plastics, improve recycling rates and promote green energy. So the Chancellor's Budget was a great opportunity for the Government to take Hackney's lead and demonstrate its ambition. Instead, his proposals showed that while ministers claim that austerity is over, it is clearly not. And while some housebuilding cash was announced, the devil is in the detail. We've included information about our budget for 2020/21, including Council Tax and spending priorities in this issue of Hackney Today. By 2022, Hackney will have lost half of its core funding from Government – the biggest cut per household of any borough. This squeeze on our finances is why the Council's budget – agreed last month – includes an increase of 90p a week in Council Tax for most people. Increasing Council Tax isn't an easy decision, but we need to do it to help fund vital services. So we've increased the amount of support available to the 27,000 people on low incomes who qualify for our Council Tax reduction scheme. However, our budget also set out ambitious plans to make Hackney fairer, safer, healthier and more sustainable.

Philip Glanville, Mayor of Hackney



Petra Roberts, Polly Cziok, Cllr Guy Nicholson and Sheerie Barker. Inset: Petra with the awards presenters Samuel West and Susie Dent

Cultural team gets some love

THE hard-working team behind the borough's Windrush Generations Festival has won a nationwide award for its efforts. At the National Campaign For The Arts (NCA) Hearts For The Arts ceremony in Portsmouth

this month, the Council's Cultural Development Team won the Best Arts Project – Community Cohesion category. The awards celebrate the unsung heroes of local authorities who are championing the arts.

The festival programme included cricketing events, domino games, a Windrush parade, a tea party, and baking sessions to create a cook book. Actor and chair of the NCA, Samuel West, said: "If those

stories are silenced (or the people who would tell them are deported), we all suffer. Hackney has healed a wound here and promoted new growth as well... Congrats to all concerned."

Windrush grants: see page 25

Making an entrance

OVERCROWDING at Hackney Central station could become a thing of the past, if proposals put forward by Hackney Council, Transport for London (TfL) and Network Rail are approved this month.

Subject to funding and planning permission, an additional entrance and ticket hall would be built on Graham Road giving passengers direct access to the westbound platform of the station, with additional stairs added to the existing pedestrian bridge over the railway line.

The plans, which will be considered by the Cabinet on 16 March, would see Council-owned land on Graham Road leased to Network Rail once the new station entrance is built. TfL will apply for planning permission to carry out



Hackney Central station could get a second entrance under the plan

the work. The London Overground line has seen a 160 per cent increase in use, with a further 25 per cent increase expected by 2031, while the number of passengers using the walkway to Hackney Downs has rocketed by 340 per cent since it opened in 2015. At peak times or when two trains arrive simultaneously, platforms become congested.

The need to improve

Hackney Central station is a regular theme in the Council's ongoing Hackney Central Conversation, with concerns raised about the size, safety and overcrowding of the station.

Philip Glanville, Mayor of Hackney, said: "As anyone, like me, who uses Hackney Central Station knows, it is busy, overcrowded and its entrances are no longer fit for purpose.

"These proposals will see coordinated investment in the station to support our fantastic and growing town centre, ensuring that passengers have a safe, easy and welcoming entrance to our borough."

Under the plans, work could start later this year. The new entrance would include stairs up to the platform, a new ticket hall building and ticket gates, as well as cycle parking and green space.

Ellie Burrows, Network Rail's route director for Anglia, said: "The station environment plays a key part in passengers' journeys. We're working with TfL and London Borough of Hackney on plans to provide a new entrance to ease congestion and help passengers to complete their journeys quicker and easier."

feature



ALTER Ego, Hackney's biggest talent contest, has long been Discover Young Hackney's signature kick-off event and last month, Hackney Empire was home to more than 1,000 young people eager to see who could be the next big thing in performing arts.

Philip Glanville, Mayor

of Hackney, announced the start of the new year-round youth arts festival at the Alter Ego reception and noted how the success of the show proves the talent and enthusiasm of young people in Hackney.

He said: "Alter Ego has become a Hackney institution – a showcase of young Hackney talent at its

very best – and we've been proud supporters since its launch in 2007.

"Over the past 13 years, it's been fantastic to see thousands of young people involved in shaping our culture. It's become a shining example of how talent is alive and well in our borough."

The sold-out show saw

dance group LMA JIJ take home the top prize, while rapper K3YZS claimed the second spot, and 14-year-old spoken-word artist Phoenix came in third.

Entering Alter Ego gives contestants a taste of stardom by performing on the iconic Hackney Empire stage alongside the biggest contemporary

names in music. This year's extravaganza was hosted by stars Snoochie Shy and Poet, who welcomed Ambush, Darkoo and Big Tobz to a thrilled young crowd. Previous Alter Ego headliners include Ms Banks, Yxng Bane, Krept & Konan, and Ghetts.

The programme of events for the new-look Discover

Young Hackney 2020 will be released shortly.

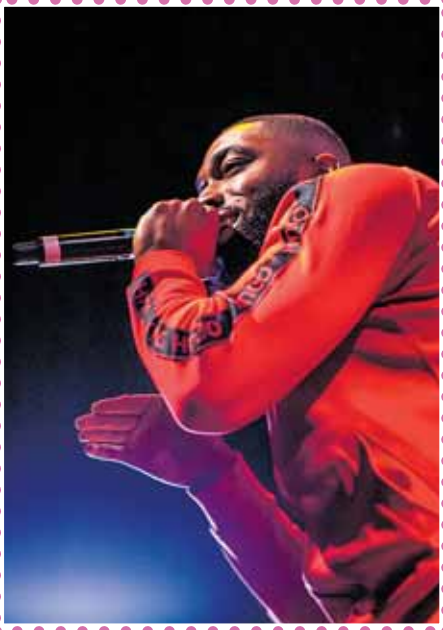
Plans for the 2021 Alter Ego talent show are already underway.

MORE INFO

Find out more about opportunities at younghackney.org

The Alter Ego talent show has been running for the past 13 years

DID YOU KNOW?



Star quality: the contestants performing for the crowds at Hackney Empire, pictured



Hackney's street car parks

From **Monday 6 April 2020**, street car park charges at Amhurst Road, Bentley Road, Gillett Street and Wilmer Place are changing.

Car park	Current 2019/20 charges Coin payments	New 2020/21 charges Coin payments*	Current 2019/20 charges Pay by mobile	New 2020/21 charges Pay by mobile*
Amhurst Road – near Hackney Central Rail Station, E8 1LL	£1.60 per hour, £9.60 all day, two day max stay	£2.00 per hour	£1.40 per hour, £8.40 all day, two day max stay	£1.80 per hour
Bentley Road – near Dalston Junction, N1 4BY	£1.60 per hour, £9.60 all day	£2.00 per hour	£1.40 per hour, £8.40 all day	£1.80 per hour
Gillett Street – near Dalston Kingsland Rail Station, N16 8JH	£1.60 per hour, three hour max stay	£2.00 per hour, three hour max stay	£1.40 per hour, three hour max stay	£1.80 per hour, three hour max stay
Wilmer Place – off Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0LY	£1.60 per hour, £9.60 all day	£2.00 per hour	£1.40 per hour, £8.40 all day	£1.80 per hour

*No fixed daily parking rate

For more information:



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Recognising colonial India's nannies

Blue plaque campaign seeks to commemorate the lives of 'Ayahs'



Farhanah Mamoojee with her blue plaque proposal. Above: exterior of the London City Mission Home in Hackney, circa 1900

IT MAY be a simple house on King Edward's Road, E9, but it could soon be sporting an historic blue plaque, after being shortlisted by English Heritage following a campaign.

The plaque aims to commemorate the building's roots as a refuge for thousands of abandoned Indian migrant nannies in the 19th to mid-20th centuries. Known as Ayahs, the nannies were employed by British families in India under colonial rule.

However, in the aftermath of the 1857 Indian Rebellion and its violent suppression, many Ayahs travelled to the UK

with the British families they were employed by.

Others were brought to the UK because their nursing and caring skills were in great demand.

There were no formal contracts made with British families however, and once their service was completed, many Ayahs were essentially abandoned and left destitute – without lodgings, family or an income. Relief came in the form of 'The Ayahs'

Home', which was set up by philanthropists.

The details of its formation are sketchy, with the first Ayahs' Home opening in Aldgate between 1825 and 1891. It closed but reopened in Hackney following a campaign from the London City Mission.

Now new light has been shed on this forgotten part of Hackney history by Farhanah Mamoojee, from auction house Sotheby's.

She raised awareness of her campaign, in collaboration with Hackney Museum and arts group the Yoniverse Collective. It is now 'under consideration' on the English Heritage shortlist.

Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Arts & Culture, said: "Farhanah Mamoojee, Hackney Museum and the Yoniverse Collective are all to be congratulated for presenting the story of the Ayahs' Home in such an eloquent way both within the museum and complemented by Farhanah's campaign for a blue plaque on the house on King Edward's Road."

Many Ayahs were abandoned and left destitute without a home, family or income once their service was completed

News in brief

'Fee-fi-fo-fum!' This year's panto is Jack & the Beanstalk

HACKNEY Empire has revealed its Christmas panto will be 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The Empire has also named Olivier Award-winner Clive Rowe MBE, pictured right, as its very first patron of the theatre. Clive will make his 14th pantomime appearance at the Empire, as Dame Daisy Trott in the show. The full creative team and cast will be announced later on in the year. The panto will run from 21 November to 3 January. To book early-bird tickets, visit: hackneyempire.co.uk/whats-on/jack-and-the-beanstalk



Young film producers receive nomination for national award

A GROUP of young film-makers from the borough will walk the red carpet at Leicester Square after being nominated for an Into Film Award for their movie, 'Inside Of Me'. Hackney-based youth media organisation, Mouth That Roars, devised and wrote the script for 'Inside of Me', pictured, which details the struggles of a black teenager trying to reconcile a modern London lifestyle with his African heritage. The awards, now in their sixth year, aim to highlight the achievements of five to 19-year-olds from across the UK as part of a school or youth group, or as individuals. The ceremony will take place on 18 March. For more details, visit: intofilm.org/awards



A still from Inside Of Me

Nominate an unsung hero for Mayor's Civic Awards

SOMEWHERE in the borough, there are unsung heroes whose achievements are helping to make Hackney a better place.

People working with them know and appreciate the hard work they do. And now they can get the recognition they deserve in a civic ceremony.

Nominations are invited to the annual 'I

Love Hackney Mayor's Civic Awards', which help recognise, celebrate and reward these outstanding people.

The Council would like to hear about someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in the community; somebody who has overcome an extraordinary difficulty; a fabulous teacher or carer; a person who has

shown immense courage; a tireless fundraiser or volunteer; or an individual who has gone that extra mile to better their neighbourhood.

Their stories need to be heard and applauded.

Nominees for the civic awards can be of any age and from any background. However, if people are nominating someone who is under 18, make sure

they have a parent's or guardian's permission to do so. All nominations will be considered by a panel of judges.

To submit nominations, visit: hackney.gov.uk/civic-awards and download an application. Forms can also be picked up from Hackney Town Hall and libraries in the borough. Post nomination forms to: Maariyah Pathan,



Mayor Glanville, pictured above, with previous award-winners

Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, E8 1EA; or email; maariyah.pathan@hackney.gov.uk

Nominations will close on 7 April. The winners will be announced on 20 May.



An inspired selection!

Young women discovered the secret of success – from successful women



Photos: Adam Holt



SUCCESSFUL women in the borough joined together to host the annual 'Inspiring Young Women' forum earlier this month.

The event, at the Young Hackney Forest Road youth hub in Dalston on 4 March, also marked International Women's Day, the UN-backed movement to help improve gender inequality across the globe.

Backed by the Council, the day saw over 50

young women from the borough's schools meet 28 successful women – who all volunteered their time to support the event.

A panel discussion hosted by Dr Ronx, emergency medicine doctor at Homerton University Hospital and host of BBC show 'Operation Ouch!', began proceedings.

The panellists included Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Mayor of Hackney; Kate Conway, violinist, educator and founder

“I really appreciate so many of Hackney's successful women giving up their time and sharing their expertise”

of Suzuki Hub; Grace Graham, award-winning business activist, leadership lecturer and business owner of Keep It Simple; and Abi Wright, founder of body confidence company for women, Inspiring Margot. Deputy Mayor Bramble

said: “I really appreciate so many of Hackney's successful women giving up their time and sharing their expertise to inspire the next generation. Because of their support we have been able to connect with over 225 young women since

the first event in 2016. Each event has exceeded the last and continues to demonstrate the variety of pathways that can be taken to achieve your career goals.”

MORE INFO

To be involved in next year's event, contact Xanthippi Karkantou at Young Hackney on: **020 8356 3962**; or email: **xanthippi.karkantou@hackney.gov.uk**



Delegates, speakers and attendees at the 'Inspiring Young Women' event, held in Dalston earlier this month

New monthly series will
unearth historical gems
from Hackney Archives

FROM THE
ARCHIVES

A vital role in Unitarianism

THE borough's history is amazing. Built on centuries of community activism and a long standing history of welcoming migrants, Hackney has stories to tell and heroes to hail.

They can all be found in the Hackney Archives. Every month, the Archives team will unearth a gem for readers of Hackney Today and Hackney Life to consider.

To start things off, and in honour of International Women's Day, the subject is Rebecca Harrison – just one of the women who underpinned the Newington Green Unitarian Church (NGUC) – London's oldest non-conformist place of worship.

The Archives teamed with NGUC for its National Lottery-funded project 'Recovering the Dissenters' legacy at the birthplace of feminism'.

Amy Todd, community

and learning manager at NGUC, who led the project revealed her favourite archive treasure.

It is a handwritten document from 1790, which shows the sale of land in the manor, where the Meeting House sat, to Joshua Locke.

The document is signed by The Abney Steward on behalf of the Abney family and specifically names Rebecca Harrison as a 'customary tenant'.

The Meeting House, in Newington Green, N16, has strong links to political radicalism and non-conformist worship.

Amy said: "The historiography of Unitarianism is overwhelmingly male, even though women have always played an important part in the history of the movement, especially at the Newington Green Meeting House.

"Rebecca Harrison bought the land where the Meeting House stands.

"It was

Rebecca's son who agreed to having the building built on this site in 1708. You can see Rebecca's name on some of our earliest vellum documents, which we are hoping to conserve shortly."

The document from 1790, which names Rebecca Harrison. Inset: the Meeting House in Newington Green

MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the project, the collection and Newington Green Meeting House, visit: ngmh.org.uk. Hackney Archives is situated on the second floor of Dalston CLR James Library, and is open from 10am-6pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 10am-7.30pm, Thursdays; and 12pm-5pm, Saturdays. For up-to-date information on projects and events, follow on Twitter: @ArchivesHackney



Left: celebrating International Women's Day at Chatsworth Road

The colour purple is the order of the day

CHATSWORTH Road Market was festooned with purple and white livery to mark International Women's Day on 8 March.

Traders wore purple and themed their stalls in recognition of the day including purple street food and baked goods.

Residents and visitors also braved the weather to celebrate the event. They were

joined by Mayor of Hackney, Phillip Glanville; Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet Member for Equalities; and entrepreneur Grace Graham, who delivered speeches at the market and joined in the occasion.

Grace Graham said: "I have really enjoyed my time spent at Chatsworth Road Market, in particular meeting all of the amazing women who trade

here each week."

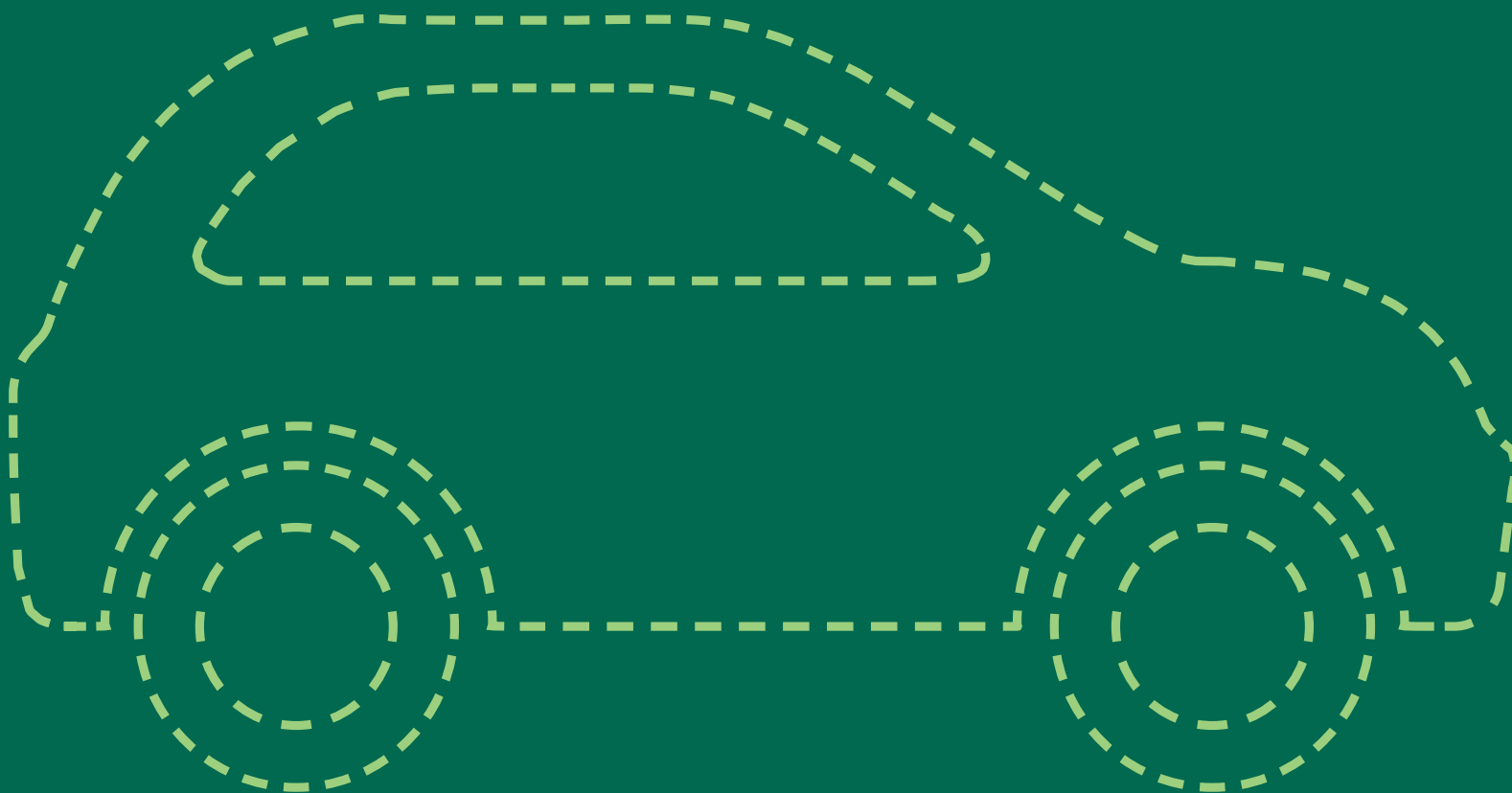
Market trader Joanna, from Deer Belly Home Bakery, said: "My daughter is the reason I opened the bakery six years ago. It's really important that she builds her confidence and knows how to handle money."

Cllr Williams added: "Hackney markets are where creativity and talent meet entrepreneurship and where women can be their

own boss. Over 50 per cent of the traders at Chatsworth Road Market are women and we hope by shining a light and supporting them today, we will see even more in the future."

To stay connected with Chatsworth Road Market and other markets in the borough, follow them on Instagram: @chatsworthroadmarket @marketshackney

Hackney's parking fees and charges are changing



From **Monday 6 April 2020**, this will apply to permits, visitor parking, dispensations and suspensions.

For more information:



hackney.gov.uk/parking-plans-reports
parking.policy@hackney.gov.uk
020 8356 8877



what's on

TOP FIVE

There's so much to do in and around Hackney. From theatre to club nights, art exhibitions to community events. Here's our pick of what's on this month:

1. THE WONDER FACTORY

Step into 15 decorated rooms including one housing a 250 sq ft marshmallow-filled swimming pool

► See Art & Exhibitions

2. FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP

Make a festival-style flower crown with ribbons and bells

► See Courses

3. MJ COLE

One of the doyens of the UK garage scene drops into Dalston for a one-off gig

► See Nightlife

4. POET IN DA CORNER

Coming-of-age story inspired by Dizzee Rascal's seminal album

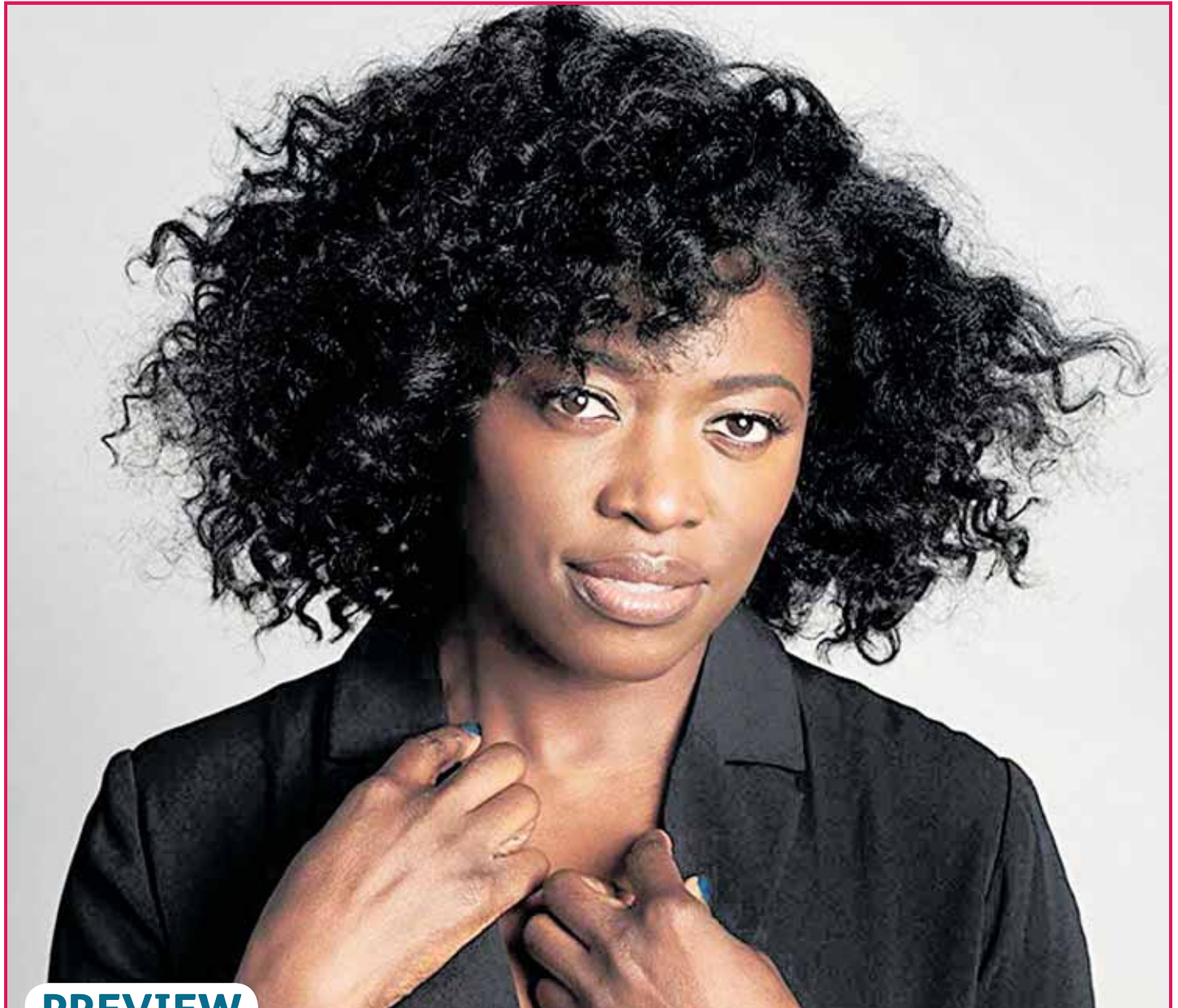
► See Theatre & Live Entertainment

5. 1980S HACKNEY

Do you remember Hackney in the 1980s? View photographs and share experiences at this community forum

► See Noticeboard

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PREVIEW

Pipeline

31 March-2 May, Arcola Theatre, 24 Ashwin Street, Dalston, E8 3DL

THE Arcola is pulling out all the stops for its 20th anniversary year with a programme of exclusive works, and this production, the European premiere of Dominique Morisseau's lyrical drama 'Pipeline', sets the bar high.

What's more, Hackney's very own Andi Osho, pictured, will make her Arcola debut. Her extensive career includes roles in the Olivier Award-nominated 'The Miser' and the Pulitzer Prize-nominated

play 'Yellowman' as well as an upcoming role in Jed Mercurio's acclaimed and multi-award-winning television drama 'Line of Duty'. She plays Nya, who teaches at an inner-city state school. Her only son Omari attends a private school upstate. When an incident in Omari's class plunges his future into doubt, can she reach him before the world pulls him away?

Directed by Jack Gamble, the cast also includes Arcola debuts by Daniel Davids, Laura Lake Adebisi and Valentine Hanson.

► For more info, visit: arcolatheatre.com/whats-on/pipeline/

also in what's on



NIGHTLIFE



HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT



'The Personal History of David Copperfield' (see Cinema)



ART & EXHIBITIONS

HAVE YOU EVER HAD

Until 20 May 11am-6pm

Sharif Persaud explores identity through his experience of contemporary life and autism. Wednesdays are for all visitors who prefer a quieter environment. Noise throughout the exhibitions will be kept to a minimum. They are particularly suited to adults and children with complex support needs or those with autism, children with SEND and their families and carers. Free. Autograph, Rivington Place, Shoreditch, EC2A 3BA. **Info: 020 7749 1240; info@rivingtonplace.org; autograph.org.uk/**

CONSTRUCT

Until 27 Mar, Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm & Sun 11am-4pm

This group exhibition explores

the notion of 'construct' in the abstract form. It applies to the conception of artwork, the technique and the physical 'building' and layering of collage or paint to create unique abstract artworks. Expect layers of geometric shapes in bright and bold colours, silk screen-printing and mosaics. Free. All ages. Well Hung, 239 Hoxton Street, N1 5LG. **Info: 020 7033 2777; info@wellhung.co.uk; wellhung.co.uk/exhibitions/construct/**



POSTCARDS FROM THE LAST CENTURY

Until 28 Mar, Every Wed-Sat, 12noon-6pm

A vibrant installation of

projected short films that look like early cinema, intermingled with digitally generated 'flags' and colonial soldiers. Disabled access. Free. Ages 18+. PEER, 97 & 99 Hoxton Street, N1 6QL. **Info: 020 7739 8080; natascha@peeruk.org; www.peeruk.org/samson-kambalu**

THE WONDER FACTORY

Until 30 Mar, 10.30am-6pm

For a more unusual weekend activity, experience the 15 decorated rooms of The Wonder Factory in Dalston. From a 250 sq ft marshmallow swimming pool to a confetti cyclone room, and blossom trees made with coloured macaroons, it's a great place to have fun and get some cool pictures. Adults £12/ children under 16 £9. One hour duration. Unit B, Dalston Works, 3 Martel Place, Dalston, E8 2FQ (Next to Yoga Studio, at the junction of Martel Place and Dalston Lane). **Info: 07908 672 237; lauras@thephagroup.com; thewonderfactory.co.uk**



ANATOMY

4-18 Apr, 6pm-late

At the art showcase, 'Anatomy', fine artists, illustrators and street artists will show their fixations and obsessions with the human body. Expect art, DJs and VJs, performances and live paintings. Viva Dalston, 2 Stoke Newington Road, Hackney Downs, N16 7XN. **Info: bit.ly/2TlrYYH**



RIO CINEMA

Misbehaviour (12A); And Then We Danced (15); Bacurau (18).

Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB.

Info: 020 7241 9410; admin@riocinema.org.uk; www.riocinema.org.uk

RICH MIX

Parasite (15); Portrait Of A Lady On Fire (15); The Invisible Man (15); Misbehaviour (12A); Calm With Horses (15). Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1 6LA. **Info: 020 7613 7498; www.richmix.org.uk**

HACKNEY PICTUREHOUSE

Parasite (15); Greed (15); Calm With Horses (15); Onward (U); Cunningham (U); Misbehaviour (12A); The Personal History Of David Copperfield (PG); Dark Waters (12A); The Hunt (15); The Lighthouse (15); Queen & Slim (15). Hackney Picturehouse, 270 Mare Street, E8 1HE. **Info: 0871 902 5734; enquiries@picturehouses.com; www.picturehouses.com/cinema/hackney_picturehouse**

THE CASTLE CINEMA

Bacurau (18); And Then We Danced (15); True History Of the Kelly Gang (18); Calm With Horses (15); Parasite (15); Portrait Of A Lady On Fire (15). The Castle Cinema, first floor, 64-66 Brooksby's Walk, Lower Clapton, E9 6DA. **Info: hello@thecastlecinema.com; thecastlecinema.com**



COURSES

ADVANCED SEWING WORKSHOPS

18 Mar-27 May, every Wed, 10am-12noon

Level up your sewing skills and take the next step developing relevant skills required for employment. Leading to making advanced personalised garments/home and fashion accessories and create that professional finished look. Disabled access. £75 for 10 weeks, including material costs. Ages 18+. Morningside Community Centre, Cresset Road, E9 6SJ. **Info: 07538 321 416; oleander@creativelifestyle.org.uk; creativelifestyle.org.uk**

INTRODUCTION TO CAKE DECORATING

28 Mar, 10am-12noon

This workshop introduces you to the art of cake decorating and will cover an introduction to cake covering, the colouring of sugar paste and how to sell your cakes. Disabled access. £50, ingredients provided. Ages 18+. Unit 25, The Forum, Independent Place, Shacklewell Lane, E8 2HE. **Info: 020 7249 4542; htea@live.co.uk; www.htea1.com**

FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP

4 Apr, 2pm-4pm

Join in a 'Wizard of Oz'-inspired workshop in how to make a festival-style flower crown with faux flowers, ribbons, bells and pom-poms. Be inspired by Dorothy's ruby red slippers, or the green Emerald City. There will be lots of colours to choose from. Be guided through the traditional technique of wiring and taping the materials to construct a flower crown that you can take home to wear again and again. Delicious cocktails and refreshments will be available to buy from the bar. £25.60, materials included. Ages 18+. Queen of Hoxton Rooftop, 1-5 Curtain Road, EC2A 3JX. **Info: bit.ly/2lhB9UO**



VEGAN MEATS

25 Apr, 12noon-5.30pm

Plant-based chef Anton Petrov will demonstrate how to create delicious meaty dishes and textures with nothing but plants. Create umami-flavours for gluten-free meaty tastes, get tips on taco fillings, make a chorizo-style burger, a chickpea tofu and more. The afternoon includes a plant-based lunch, top tips and a take-home recipe pack. £118 (£90 conc). Made In Hackney, Food For All Basement, 3 Cazenove Road, Stoke Newington, N16 6PA. **Info: 020 8442 4266;**

Competition

BACK for its seventh year – the country's biggest indoor celebration of UK garage comes to London for a 12-hour party, just in time for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. For one night only, Studio 338 will be filled with legends from the genre including DJs, MCs and live PAs till the crack of dawn.

Over 100 acts are on the line-up across three rooms. Watch out for DJ Luck & MC Neat singing 'A Little Bit of Luck', Sweet Female Attitude's 'Flowers', MC Romeo and Lisa Maffia from So Solid Crew on the huge hits '21 Seconds' & 'Oh No', and Hyperactive performing 'Sexy Cinderella'. DJs and MCs include Kifa, Sugar Shane, and Danny Blaze.

With music celebrating the classics as well as the hits then versus now, it's set to be one of London's biggest events this year. UK Garage Fest 2020 takes place at Studio 338 Greenwich Peninsula on Good Friday, 10 April, 6pm-6am. Tickets are priced from £10-£45.

For more information, visit: ukgaragefest.com

Hackney Today is giving away a pair of tickets to 'UK Garage Fest 2020' at Studio 338, SE10 0PF. Send your entry to 'UK Garage Fest 2020' comp, Hackney Today, Communications, Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, E8 1EA; or email: htnews@hackney.gov.uk by noon on 2 April. Submissions must include an address and contact number. Winners will be pulled out of a hat. Good luck!



info@madeinhackney.org;
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HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT

WALKING TOGETHER

Every Mon-Thurs,
various times

Join in regular health walks exploring the local area. Meet new people and reap the health and well-being benefits of being outdoors and active. Please arrive five minutes before the walk is due to start in shoes comfortable for walking. The full programme of walks at various levels are available online. Free. Various locations. **Info: 020 8356 7459/ 4897; surbjit.mahey@hackney.gov.uk; hackney.gov.uk/walking**

RETHINK

Every last Sat of the month,
from 28 Mar, 5.30pm-8.30pm

Group sessions for Well Street residents based on mindfulness. Participants will explore feelings, thoughts and behaviour at that present moment. Empowering each other and setting monthly goals with a group brunch at the end. Individuals can opt in to have to one-on-one life coaching sessions in between sessions. Booking essential. Disabled access. Free. Ages 16+. 1 Alpine Grove, Opposite St Johns and Jerusalem School, E9 7XS. **Info: 07305 760 406; sulekha.hassan@vchackney.org; vchackney.org**

SHAKE THAT QUEER BELLY
18 Mar, 6.30pm-8.30pm

A belly dancing workshop by master bellydancer Mr. Özgen, pictured below, for the queer and non-binary. He is a master of the Turkish Oriental dance and his choreography

combines Turkish and Romany styles of belly dancing. Open to beginners as well as performers who might like to add a few new moves to their repertoire and a must for those who will attend 'Deep Trash: Turkish Delight night' at Bethnal Green Working Men's Club, E2 6NB on 20 Mar. Please wear comfortable clothing. £6. International College of Musical Theatre (ICMT), 68 Wallis Road, Hackney Wick, E9 5LH. **Info: 07514 939 604; contact@queerartprojects.co.uk; queerartprojects.co.uk/td**



NEON DANCE WORKOUT

23 Mar, 6pm-7pm

An after-work Monday night neon workout. Come to a dance class like no other using neon reactive face paints and light-up accessories. This class is all about doing something different and fun, to help de-stress and have a good time. The class, similar to a Zumba class, will look at different types of music and dance designed for all fitness levels. £8. Queen of Hoxton Rooftop, 1-5 Curtain Road, EC2A 3JX. **Info: bit.ly/3cohYGO**



NO KANE NO GAIN

4 Apr, 11am-1pm

An energetic fitness class packed with movement, positivity, exercise and music, complemented with a live set from the world-renowned DJ Melody Kane. Expect a

mixture of reggae, dancehall, garage, funky house, hip-hop and drum'n'bass. The class includes High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) sets, resistance band use, group games and more. £15. Colours Hoxton, 2-4 Hoxton Square, N1 6NU. **Info: bit.ly/38i3THK**



ZIG A ZIG AH!

Every Thurs, 9pm-2am

Resident DJs play the best in 90s pop, RnB, hip-hop, dance, garage and everything in between. Expect hits from Take That, Backstreet Boys, Aaliyah, Blackstreet, East 17, Puff Daddy, and much more. £5 cocktails all night. Free entry. The Book Club, 100 Leonard Street, Shoreditch, EC2A 4RH. **Info: 0207 684 8618; jack@mothershipgroup.com; www.wearethbc.com/whats-on/**

PRINCESS NOKIA

20 Mar, 7pm-11pm

New York-born Puerto Rican MC, style icon, actress, and activist; She was born Destiny Frasier, but today, as Princess Nokia, projects a symbol of possibility for her fans. VIP tickets available only – includes general admin, early entry, meet and greet, photo with Princess Nokia and a T-shirt. £90. Ages 18+. Ages 16s & 17s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Earth, 11-17 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 8BH. **Info: 020 7422 7505; info@earthhackney.co.uk; earthhackney.co.uk/events/**

REAL LOVE

28 Mar, 10pm-3pm

A night dedicated to RnB and 80's soul. DJ line-up includes Ronnie Herel, famed for his sets at events like Southport Weekender, and Russ Ryan, who will be bringing his blends to the Shoreditch basement. Expect classic RnB. £7 adv/ £25 for group of 5/ £10 OTD. Miranda, Ace Hotel, 100 Shoreditch High Street, E1 6JQ. **Info: yo@thedoctorsorders.com; thedoctorsorders.com/reallove/**



PREVIEW

The Nightingales

29 April, The Lexington, 96-98 Pentonville Rd, Islington N1 9JB

WITH all things post-punk back in vogue, how about catching up with one of the originals from the early 80s? The Nightingales, lead by Robert Lloyd, have been described as the 'misfit's misfits' – a band which had all the credentials – proper punk roots in an earlier incarnation as The Prefects, a library of John Peel sessions, but failed to register with the wider public. After a hiatus that lasted decades, they reformed in the mid-noughties and

have been slowly finding themselves an audience again.

This looks like being a banner year, what with a documentary film written by Stewart Lee and directed by Michael Cumming, a reissue calendar and a new album in the works.

It looks like the misfits may finally be fitting in.

18+. Advance tickets cost £14.85.

For more information and to book tickets, visit: **seetickets.com**

LUNA BANK HOLIDAY

9 Apr, 10pm-2.30am

DJ Ali Twizt and DJ Gatito play the best of kizomba, zouk, AfroBeat, RnB and hip-hop. Dress Code: smart and elegant. £5/ £10/ £15. Last entry 1am. The Curtain, 45 Curtain Road, EC2A 3PT. **Info: 07702 266 212; sikhalfadance@gmail.com; sikhalfadance.com/kizomba-parties**

MJ COLE

29 Apr, 7.30pm-11pm

One of UK garage's first true stars, MJ Cole's work spans Mercury Prize-nominated albums and a lengthy career



as a remixer and producer. 'Sincere,' one of Cole's first tracks under his own name, became a Top 40 hit in 1998. He has co-written songs with Jimmy Napes and Sam Smith, remixed Jess Glynne and Adam F, and produced Dizzee Rascal and Katy B. Catch MJ Cole at the Dalston venue or one night only. £17.50. Ages 16+. Earth, 11-17 Stoke Newington Rd, Dalston, N16 8BH. **Info: earthhackney.co.uk/events/**



GENTLEMEN

18 Mar-18 Apr, 3pm/ 8pm

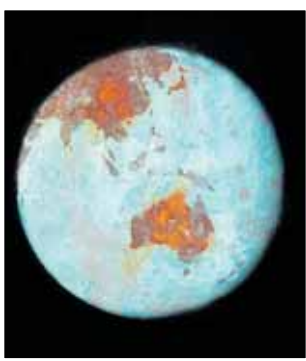
Matt Parvin's blistering new drama tests the limits of retribution and the power of social status at university. Freshers' term. Greg has taken to university life like a duck to water. Kasper is struggling

to fit in. Summoned to a mediation session with Kasper and the college welfare officer to discuss an accusation of plagiarism, Greg deftly argues his way out of trouble. But when the allegations evolve into something altogether more damaging, how long can Greg remain untouchable? £5/ £22/ £25. Arcola Theatre, 24 Ashwin Street, Dalston, E8 3DL. **Info: 020 7503 1646; boxoffice@arcolatheatre.com; arcolatheatre.com**

POET IN DA CORNER

31 Mar-4 Apr, 2.30pm/ 7.30pm

A coming of age story inspired by Dizzee Rascal's seminal debut album. In a strict Mormon household somewhere between East London and Essex, a girl is given Dizzee Rascal's groundbreaking grime album 'Boy in da Corner' by her best friend SS Vyper. Precisely 57 minutes and 21 seconds later, her life begins to change. Step into a technicolour world where



PREVIEW

Flat Earth

Until 2 May, Flowers Gallery, 82 Kingsland Rd, Hoxton E2 8DP

JOHN Keane is a renowned political artist whose work continues to address the most pressing social and political issues of the moment.

His sustained artistic inquiry into military and social conflicts around the world has extended from Northern Ireland to Central America and the Middle East, where he was commissioned as the Official British War Artist of the Gulf War.

The collection of works in the exhibition Flat Earth have been created over the last two years amid dramatic shifts in the domestic and global political landscape. From conspiracy theories to data mining, Keane's subjects span the evolving and influential world of information technology and the resulting network of alternative facts, misinformation and cyber warfare. For more information, visit: info@flowersgallery.com



music, dance and spoken word collide, and discover how grime allowed Debris Stevenson to redefine herself. Presented by Royal Court Theatre. £10-£35. Ages 14+. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, Hackney Central, E8 1EJ. **Info: 020 8985 2424; box.office@hackneyempire.co.uk; hackneyempire.co.uk/whats-on/poet-in-da-corner**

MAN UP! DRAG KING CONTEST GRAND FINAL

9 Apr, 7pm-11pm

After eight weeks, and with over 100 of London and the UK's finest drag kings, The Glory brings the final of its

groundbreaking competition to the amphitheatre-style theatre. Lip-synching, stripping, binding, politicising: it all happens at 'MAN UP!' Your hosts for the night are the king of kings, Adam All and Don One, plus The Glory's own Jonny Woo and John Sizzle will both be in attendance to help choose the new reigning king and £1k cash prize. £17.50. Ages 18+. Earth, 11-17 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 8BH. **Info: bit.ly/2vvuFiG**



KIDZBOXFIT

Every Tue, 5.15pm-6.15pm

A non-contact cardio class about learning and fitness, all while having lots of fun. Boxing gloves and pads provided. All fitness levels

are welcome. £2. Ages 5-11. New Kingshold Community Centre, 49 Ainsworth Road, Victoria Park, E9 7JE. **Info: lloyd@born4sport.co.uk; born4sport.co.uk**

JULIAN JOSEPH JAZZ ACADEMY EASTER COURSE

6-9 Apr, 10am-5pm

A unique four-day course for children who want to learn jazz. Using the Julian Joseph Jazz Academy (JJJA) methodology, students will be introduced to the rich history of great jazz masters through a focused study of jazz recordings, teaching them to access, appreciate and perform music through a series of workshops. Disabled access. £199 (£179 for Jazz Blues & JJJA members). Ages 9-14. Bridge Academy, Laburnum Street, Haggerston, E2 8BA. **Info: 020 8882 8825; info@hmdt.org.uk; bit.ly/2vGRzDx**

CADBURY EASTER EGG HUNT

10-13 Apr, 12noon-4.30pm

Cadbury has partnered with the National Trust and National Trust for Scotland to create action-packed Easter egg hunts this Spring. Get the family together for an afternoon of fun, delicious Cadbury treats, and egg hunts at Hackney's oldest house and community garden. £2. Sutton House and Breakers Yard, 2-4 Homerton High Street, Homerton, E9 6JQ. **Info: 0208 986 2264; easter.cadbury.co.uk/**



1980S HACKNEY

19 Mar, 5pm-7pm

Do you remember Hackney in the 1980s? See a selection of the photographs and share memories at this informal community forum for an exhibition in May exploring the highs and lows of everyday life during those times. These forums are open to local community groups or individuals. Light refreshments will be provided. Free, register in advance. Hackney Museum, 1 Reading Lane, Hackney Central, E8 1GQ. **Info: museumbookings@hackney.gov.uk; bit.ly/2THArWa**



SPRING SWING

21 Mar, 7.30pm

The Swing Time Dance Company return to Hackney for a very special Spring Swing with music from the 30s 40s and 50s. DJ Andrew Willis Davenport will be spinning music throughout the evening that is guaranteed to get you moving. Specialising in the Lindy Hop and the American Jitterbug, you can learn at your own pace. Whether you are new to swing dancing or an experienced dancer, don your best vintage attire and join us for a good-old-

fashioned-knees-up. Disabled access. £12/ £10 conc. Ages 16+. Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street, N1 6SH. **Info: 020 7684 0060; reception@hoxtonhall.co.uk; www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/event/spring-swing**

SPEND MOTHER'S DAY WITH US

21 & 22 Mar, 12noon-4.30pm

Treat your mum to an afternoon at Sutton House. The café will be serving a special menu of home-baked cakes, drinks and a Mother's Day cocktail. The ground floor only is accessible by wheelchair. This includes the Linenfold Parlour, tea room, shop and Breaker's Yard garden. This event is free, but normal admission charges apply for the venue. Sutton House and Breakers Yard, 2-4 Homerton High Street, Homerton, E9 6JQ. **Info: 020 8986 2264; www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-house-and-breakers-yard**

URBAN FOOD FEST STREET FOOD MARKETS

Every Sat from 28 Mar, 12noon-12midnight

This Spring market features 15 street food trucks and stalls that change each week, serving gourmet global street food dishes alongside a premium bar and a flowery cocktail bar serving craft beers, urban cocktails, prosecco, champagne, soft drinks and

more. There is also live music, games and seating areas. Disabled access. Free entry. All ages. Euro Car Park, 162-167 Shoreditch High Street, E1 6HU. **Info: 020 7563 3021; hello@urbanfoodfest.com; www.urbanfoodfest.com**

HACKNEY PRELOVED

5 Apr, 10am-5pm

The UK's biggest kilo sale is back. Shop through tonnes of vintage and retro clothing, and pay by weight – all £15 per kilo. Find true vintage dresses from the 1960s onwards including blouses and shirts, leather, denim and jeans, branded sportswear, shoes, bags and accessories. Disabled access. £1.50 entry. Round Chapel, 1D Glenarm Road, Clapton, E5 0LY. **Info: info@prelovedkilo.com; www.prelovedkilo.com/dates**

HACKNEY RECORD FAIR

19 Apr, 11am-6pm

Over 30 tables, including indie record labels, record stores, used/collector/HiFi dealers, and local vinyl enthusiasts. There will also be DJ sets throughout the day, a bakery, and a record cleaning service. Hunt for vintage vinyl, discover new independent labels, grab a bite to eat, and have the rare record you have unearthed restored to its former glory. Free, register in advance. Abney Public Hall, 73A Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0AS. **Info: bit.ly/38mHeKf**

what's on

Important information for submissions

To submit your listing to What's On for publication in Hackney Today and on the Council website, fill in the e-form at: **www.lovehackney.london/whats-on-in-hackney**

Please see the guidance notes on the website for further information.

We reserve the right to edit any material. No submission is guaranteed a listing.

Competitions



We offered readers a chance to win two pairs of tickets to see 'Lolly and Friends'

The lucky winners were: Julia Hornsby, E5, and Leigh Kennedy, N1

Hackney is one of the most diverse places in the UK. In this regular feature, we profile the borough's great & good or just plain interesting

hackneypeople

By Corrina Antrobus

AUTOGRAPH ABP gallery in Shoreditch is 'a place to see things differently'. This statement rings true with a glimpse of its sharply curated exhibitions ranging from 'Growing Up Black', Dennis Morris's series of domestic life in the borough during the 1960s and 1970s, to Sharif Persaud's 'Have You Ever Had' exploring autistic identity, which launched this month.

This invitation of a different, deeper view is the lifeblood of visionary creative director and author Mark Sealy MBE. With decades of experience in the exploration of identity, human rights and social justice, Hackney-born Sealy was the perfect candidate to help decide which artist to commission to create the Town Hall's forthcoming Windrush artwork.

Born in 1960, Mark went to school in Stamford Hill, an area which he recalls being a 'visual matrix of a normal world' alongside an eclectic mix of migrants and cultures. After moving to Newcastle in 1969 and studying art foundations, Sealy moved back to South-East London in 1982 to study textiles at Goldsmiths. These years were formative for the politics of his work.

He says: "Encountering a post-riot London – things were tense. I'd gone from being a minority in Newcastle to understanding the frontline politics of London. At the height of Thatcherism, things seemed fractured. Artists like Derek Jarman, Jo Spence or Rotimi Fani-Kayode were making work that was inherently political.

"Plus the Greater London Council (GLC) was still there and doing big things outside the museum sector, such as carnival and gigs in the park, when the gallery sector was very conservative. On the other side were

things like Rock Against Racism, and social activism, and photography played an important part in that.

"It was an intensely political time watching the demise of the GLC. You had to be pretty switched off not to feel the impact: from your bus fare to the cultural offer."

Autograph was founded as an agency in 1988 to support black photographic practices and initiate artistic projects.

Sealy grew the concept from a cramped Brixton office to a modest but sturdy gallery in Shoreditch. The various moves were both necessary and practical and with Shoreditch's 'cheap as chips' rent and close proximity to old school Fleet Street photographic agencies and darkrooms, their agency consisting of 'one-and-a-half people and a telephone' shared an office with 'Creative Camera Magazine'.

Mark says: "It feels like Autograph has gone full

“ Things now seem incredibly broken; the hostile treatment of the Windrush generation highlights and amplifies it ”

circle. Looking through the lens of Autograph in the past 30 years; there's a sense of cultural anxiety and dislocation.

"Things now seem incredibly broken; the hostile treatment of the Windrush generation highlights and amplifies it in a way that's like, how can that still be? It's tragic."

Autograph evolved from agency to institution via

a partnership with fellow arts charity Iniva (Institute of International Visual Art) and changes in policies and funding. He adds: "2002 lottery funding benefited organisations such as Serpentine and Whitechapel. Autograph, Black Cultural Archives and the Stephen Lawrence gallery were somehow overlooked, and culturally and politically, they had to fix that. Around

Curriculum Vitae: Mark Sealy MBE

1960 Born in Hackney (to a Barbadian dad and an English mum)
1969 Moved to North Shields, Newcastle
1982 Moved back to London to Camberwell Green
1988/1991 Worked at Network Photographers
1991 Began at Autograph ABP
2005 Awarded a Hood Metal award for services to photography
2007 Opened gallery in Rivington Place
2013 Made an MBE in the New Year Honours list
2019 Won a Royal Photographic Society award

0.02 per cent of lottery funds were reported to have been given to diverse channels. We wanted to change that. Autograph and Iniva moving in together was seen as a strategic alliance to create a sense of permanence."

By now, Hackney's moment had arrived. Infrastructure, property development and transport systems were improving, as were perceptions.

After years of office-hopping, Autograph is now rooted in a five-storey building designed by award-winning architect Sir David Adjaye in Rivington Street.

Sealy's curiosity for art give him the exact credentials for weighing in on the forthcoming Windrush artwork.

While not giving anything away as to who he's favoured, he'll happily divulge on what the art should do.

He says: "What would be good for Hackney is resting on something that

would look good in front of the incredible Town Hall building. To have something that resonates with what Hackney's about and to be able to walk through your civic spaces and feel as though they reflect you and connect with you.

"It's nice, isn't it? When you can actually stand and feel at home.

"Public art has degrees of ownership. It might be that you see it when coming back from the pub, or on the way to work so it becomes part of the fabric of your day.

"If you're in a gallery, you're not going to make that journey every day."

He adds: "If kids can grow up with it and ask what it is or someone might say 'meet me by the Windrush', then it becomes a conversational thing and that's what a good public artwork can do."

MORE INFO

For more details, visit: autograph.org.uk

Autograph ABP creative director Mark Sealy MBE on how life in the borough has changed

'Public art has degrees of ownership'

Hackney-born Mark Sealy MBE is the creative director of Autograph ABP gallery

Photo: Corrina Antrobus

Easter and Passover rubbish and recycling collections

Wednesday 8 April – Saturday 18 April

Collections will take place one day later than normal due to the holidays. Please put your rubbish and recycling out before 7am on the correct day.

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Wednesday 8 April	Thursday 9 April
Thursday 9 April	Friday 10 April
Friday 10 April (Good Friday)	Saturday 11 April
Monday 13 April (Easter Monday)	Tuesday 14 April
Tuesday 14 April	Wednesday 15 April
Wednesday 15 April	Thursday 16 April
Thursday 16 April	Friday 17 April
Friday 17 April	Saturday 18 April



Find out more:
hackney.gov.uk/recycling

For the latest news on green issues, events, opportunities and consultations, sign up to the Greener Hackney e-newsletter: hackney.gov.uk/newsletters

greenmatters

A NEW 'Library of Things' – offering affordable rentals of DIY tools and gardening, cooking and cleaning appliances – is set to launch at Dalston CLR James Library this summer.

The object-lending library will be run in partnership between the Council and social enterprise Library of Things, and will help residents to borrow useful items for much less than high street rental or the full purchase costs.

People will be able to borrow a power drill for as little as £7 a day, which is less than half the average high street rental, sewing machines for £7; a steam cleaner for £8; and a sound system and microphone for £10 a day.

The library will also support residents to divert waste going to landfill by borrowing rather than buying. At the Library of Things site in Crystal Palace, borrowers have already saved nearly 23 tonnes of waste from going to landfill.

Cllr Jon Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm, said: "This is the first Council-funded and hosted Library of Things in London, delivered in line with our manifesto commitment and our climate emergency

declaration last year, and we want residents to help decide what items should go in it before it launches.

"Choosing to locate the Dalston Library of Things in an area of the borough that is both central and well-served by buses and trains means it is highly accessible for pedestrians, cyclists, and public transport users, further enhancing the borough's

decarbonisation efforts. Taken alongside Dalston's forthcoming 21st Century Street, Low Plastic Zone, and new drinking water fountains, the Library of Things will make an important contribution to this emerging low carbon community."

Rebecca Trevayan, Library of Things co-founder and community director, said: "We've had lots of requests from local people and community groups who want to see a Library of Things in Hackney – so we're delighted to be able to partner with Hackney Council to bring affordable item rental to the neighbourhood."

COST OF ITEMS (£ PER DAY)

Item	Price
DIY hand tool:	£1
Waffle-maker:	£3
Bosch power drill:	£7
The North Face three-person tent:	£9
Kärcher carpet cleaner:	£20

Something special!



Top: Cllr Jon Burke with staff from the Library of Things at its launch in Dalston. Centre: the library will let people borrow useful items for the home

MORE INFO

Residents can choose items they'd like to see in the Library of Things. Visit: libraryofthings.co.uk/dalston

News in brief

Pension fund reduces exposure to fossil fuel reserves by 31%

THE Council's Pension Fund has reduced its exposure to fossil fuel reserves by 31 per cent in the past three years, as part of its response to the climate emergency. The results place it ahead of schedule in meeting its target to reduce exposure to reserves by 50 per cent over six years. The Council declared a climate emergency last year, and committed to some of the most robust and ambitious action of any council to respond to climate change.

Cllr Robert Chapman, Chair of the Pensions Committee, said: "We are proud not only of these latest results, but also to have responded to this issue of climate risk early." To view the full reports, visit: mginternet.hackney.gov.uk



Consultation hears ideas on improving Shoreditch Park

MORE than 1,600 people told the Council what they would like to see in Shoreditch Park, pictured, in the first stage of consultation on a £2million project to improve it. Most of those that responded wanted to see green measures including revamped grassed areas, more trees, and more planting to improve biodiversity and soundproof noise from New North Road.

People also wanted to see facilities for a wider range of sports and fitness activities, as well as toilets, seating and an updated play area. Nearly all respondents lived in Hackney, and half of those who had their say were young people aged between five and 18. Landscape architects LUC, which was heavily involved in the consultation process, is now developing designs for consultation in June. Depending on the feedback, the improvement work is expected to begin by early 2021. For more details, visit: shoreditchpark.commonplace.is



Paddling pools to be replaced and revamped

PADDLING pools at London Fields, E8, and Clissold Park, N16, are set to be replaced with improved facilities.

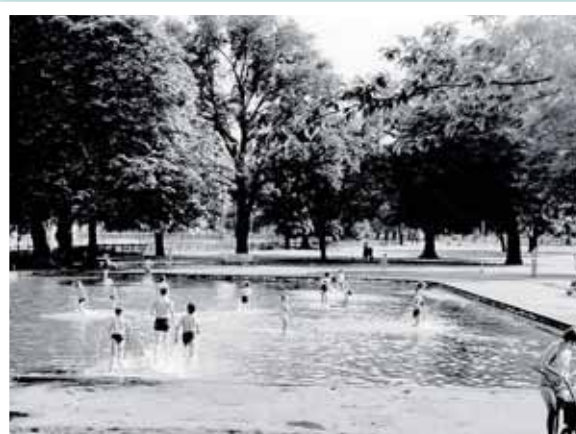
Pool users will be consulted on the type of replacement facilities that will be delivered.

While the Clissold Park facility will continue to be stand-alone, the London Fields pool will be integrated into a new learner pool at the lido.

Both pools have come to the end of their life in their existing form and cannot continue to be operated safely without major work.

The paddling pool in Clissold Park will be closed this year while consultation and work takes place, which is expected to cost up to £700,000.

London Fields paddling pool will be closed for longer, while a new learner pool is developed.



Clissold Park's paddling pool, seen here in 1958, is to be replaced

Left the car engine running needlessly? That'll be £130

DRIVERS in Hackney can now be fined £130 for needlessly leaving their engines running while stationary. The new fine – up from £20 – is aimed at tackling the habit known as idling, which causes increases in localised pollution. Idling is particularly detrimental in areas where footfall is both high and people are vulnerable, such as outside schools, around health centres and on high streets. Alongside the increased fines, Council officers will be visiting hotspots to inform drivers about the dangers of engine idling, which is an offence under road traffic regulations, and running workshops at schools so children and parents can learn about the impact of idling vehicles. The campaign is supported by the Mayor of London and funded through the Mayor of London's Air Quality Fund.



For the latest news, events and opportunities for children and young people, sign up to the Young Hackney e-newsletter: hackney.gov.uk/newsletters

younghackney

THE achievements of both young people and community organisations in Hackney were celebrated at the 2020 Adiaha Antigha Awards and the Gary Francis Awards at the Town Hall last month.

The Adiaha Antigha community achievement awards are held each year to celebrate the work and impact of Hackney's voluntary and community sector. They are held in memory of the founder and former director of Hackney CVS, Adiaha Antigha, who made a huge contribution to the organisation's success and to the sector as a whole.

Held in memory of youth programmes manager, Gary Francis, the second awards recognise outstanding young people who have achieved against the odds.

In a speech to the audience, Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, paid tribute to the 'amazing' work of the local voluntary and community sector.

He said: "These community awards exist to convey our collective community gratitude for everything that you do. At a time when so many



Young people receive Gary Francis awards for their outstanding achievements

Against the odds

Above: David Smith, Gary Francis winner. Top left: Laura Prikken with Sara Barman. Top right: Janette Collins with Jake Ferguson, Hackney CVS CEO

of us face challenges, it's important to take time to celebrate what has been achieved."

Seven outstanding young people won Gary Francis

awards: Daniel Ocitti, Mona Ait Jakane, Jade Walcott, Kyarna Morris, Montell Pemberton, Shenique Bass and David Smith.

Kyarna Morris, from Immediate Theatre, won a young achievers award. She said: "I grew up in an environment where there wasn't much hope.

Situations like knife crime are affecting pretty much everyone in this community. "Through work I can get over it and understand that

The Adiaha Antigha winners were:

- **Laura Prikken**, Shoreditch Trust, for empowering disabled people
- The Parity project, **ELBA**, for challenging discrimination
- **Faisal Pirbhai**, Apex Learning Hub, for bringing communities together
- **Sadie Alleyne**, Shoreditch Trust, for the best outreach work to engage new people

there is hope and we can make a difference."

Charmaine Humphreys, of Immediate Theatre, nominated Kyarna for the award and said: "She consistently goes above and beyond to find new, exciting and inventive ways to engage our participants.

"She will often research and develop her own new games and activities to try out with our young people and delivers these with boundless energy.

"The young people love working with Kyarna as she is able to bring out the best in them."

MORE INFO

For more, visit: hcvs.org.uk/community-awards-2020

Mentoring scheme offers young people a path to reaching their full potential

EXPERT mentors from Hackney-based social enterprise The Mentoring Lab are working with the Council to give young people in Hackney a chance to kickstart their lives.

Young people living in council homes in the borough will be given the opportunity to refresh their careers, succeed in education or progress in their personal lives through a free 12-week course of one-to-one guidance.

The Mentoring Lab is a community interest company aiming to equip and enable young people

to overcome barriers to progression and access opportunities through providing safe spaces to reflect while they develop the skills and qualities to succeed.

The 'Career Accelerator' programme, aimed at those aged 17 and over, will help people develop the skills and motivation they need to get a career that lasts through weekly mentoring sessions, personalised career mapping and links to industry professionals.

The course will range from support with deciding the right career path and the steps needed



The Mentoring Lab is running a number of courses for young people in the borough aged 10 to 18

to get there, to practical help with writing CVs and cover letters.

The sessions will run every Thursday in March, April and May between 12-3pm at Pitcairn Hall, 10 St Thomas's Square, E9 6PT.

A separate programme aimed at 10 to 18-year-olds will offer personalised guidance to help young people succeed, whether in education, work or their personal lives.

The mentoring toolkit

aims to provide a non-judgemental space to help improve confidence, self-awareness, study skills, focus and resilience, while looking at career options, studies and relationships.

These sessions will

run every Monday in March, April and May between 3.30-7.30pm at Homerton Library, Homerton High Street, E9 6AS; every Tuesday in March, April and May at Nisbet Community Hall, Crozier Terrace E9 6AJ; and every Wednesday in March, April and May at Jack Dunning Community Hall, Homerton Row, E9 6ED.

Both programmes are open to all young Hackney residents.

To register, contact The Mentoring Lab on: 020 8158 8500.

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020 8519 6264

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education



New project helps non-English speaking adults discover Hackney's heritage

A shared history

AN innovative project to help non-English speaking residents learn about the borough's rich heritage has proven to be a success with participants.

Made possible by a £10,000 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the 24-week programme is run by Hackney Adult Learning Service's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Hackney Museum.

The course is based on three main themes reflected in the museum's collection: migration, work and home.

The project explored migrant and refugee local heritage and the role this

can play in strengthening a feeling of belonging for learners from diverse backgrounds.

One student, Sheba Akhtar, 36, said: "I enjoy coming to the course, I love the learning, teaching and meeting new people."

"I loved seeing the pictures from Hackney Archives and how people lived and looked in the 1970s."

Another student, Hasana Begum, 37, said: "I have learnt so much about the history of Hackney and I really like the course."

The four-hour weekly classroom-based sessions explored local history through sources such as written accounts, oral



Students from the ESOL heritage class at the Museum as part of the 24-week programme exploring the borough's rich history

recordings, newspapers, photographs and digital images. There were also guided visits to exhibitions.

Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources, Cllr Carole Williams, said: "We are thrilled that the project has been a great opportunity for ESOL students to learn English

through a creative way while also discovering connections with Hackney's rich cultural heritage."

MORE INFO

For more information, visit: learningtrust.co.uk

News in brief

So what's the 'Big Idea'? Well, these students have an answer

STUDENTS from Haggerston School, Cardinal Pole Catholic School and New City College Hackney took part in the Big Idea Challenge 2020 bootcamp day in the City of London this month. The competition, which took place on 2 March, was hosted by Accelerator, London Metropolitan University's 'business incubator' – a company which helps start ups – and run in partnership with NatWest and the Prince's Trust. It works closely with students across London to raise awareness and interest in an entrepreneurial career. Pictured above are New City College students Adjoa Jaid, Aluydas Beniusis and Naimee Bolding, who put forward their travelling food van proposal called F4H (Food 4 Homeless). The winner will be announced on 5 May. The successful team will launch a website to promote their idea.



SkyWay, Hackney Quest to work on school exclusion solutions

TWO charities in the borough will collaborate on a programme to work with children at risk of school exclusion. SkyWay, which works with vulnerable young people, received £59,902 funding from the Berkeley Foundation's Skills for Positive Futures programme. It will work with Hackney Quest, which provides positive activities for young people, in a three-year partnership to develop its work with 8 to 14-year-olds at risk of exclusion from school. Natalie Roast, chief executive of SkyWay, said: "We're delighted to be working with the Berkeley Foundation and Hackney Quest over the next three years to help young people stay in school and improve their chances of achieving a positive future."



Yael Breuer's World Book Day visit is an hilarious triumph

AUTHOR Yael Breuer visited Simon Marks Jewish Primary School N16 as part of this month's World Book Day celebrations. Breuer, pictured right, gave pupils an insight into her unique method of teaching the Hebrew language Ivrit and shared her popular book 'Hilarious Hebrew'. Brighton-based Ms Breuer is a highly regarded educator and uses illustrations accompanied by humorous sentences to teach new vocabulary. Robin DasGupta, Deputy Headteacher, said: "Having an author visit school was a magnificent opportunity for the pupils to not only develop their knowledge of Ivrit, but also meet a published author. This has really brought World Book Day and modern foreign languages to life."



"I really enjoy coming to the course, I love the learning, teaching and meeting new people"

The Mayor and councillors

Councillors are elected by residents and serve for four years. The last borough-wide elections took place in May 2018.

Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping to oversee Council services.

They hold advice surgeries where residents can meet their local representative and ask them to take up issues of concern. Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the responsibility of another

person or organisation, councillors can often point people in the right direction and tell residents who they need to see.

Hackney has 57 councillors representing areas called wards – see map below.

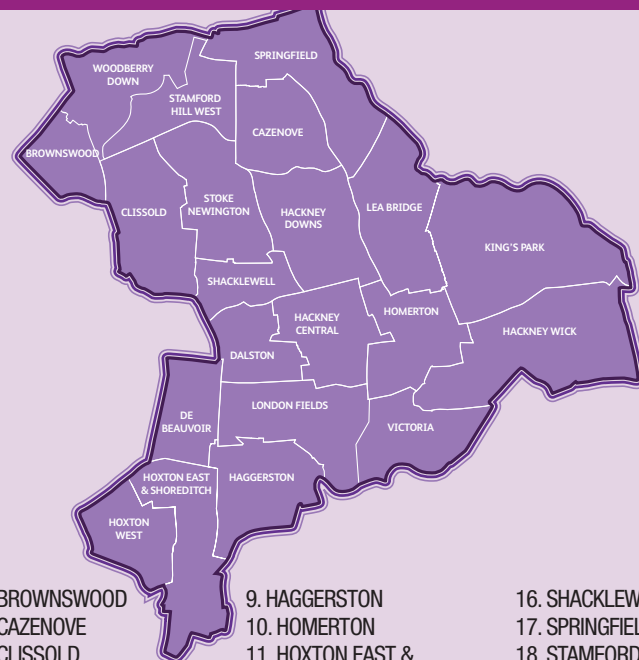


MAYOR PHILIP GLANVILLE

Hackney's executive **Mayor Philip Glanville** was directly elected by the borough in 2018. He is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services. The Mayor holds monthly casework surgeries in the Town Hall.

To book an appointment, email: mayor@hackney.gov.uk; or call: **020 8356 2212**. Residents are first encouraged to contact their ward councillor. Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of Hackney, who is chosen annually from the borough's 57 councillors. The current Speaker is Cllr Kam Adams.

Hackney's wards in alphabetical order



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| 1. BROWNSWOOD | 9. HAGGERSTON | 16. SHACKLEWELL |
| 2. CAZENOVE | 10. HOMERTON | 17. SPRINGFIELD |
| 3. CLISSOLD | 11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH | 18. STAMFORD HILL WEST |
| 4. DALSTON | 12. HOXTON WEST | 19. STOKE NEWINGTON |
| 5. DE BEAUVOIR | 13. KING'S PARK | 20. VICTORIA |
| 6. HACKNEY CENTRAL | 14. LEA BRIDGE | 21. WOODBERRY DOWN |
| 7. HACKNEY DOWNS | 15. LONDON FIELDS | |
| 8. HACKNEY WICK | | |

1. BROWNSWOOD



LAB

Cllrs Brian Bell & Clare Potter
(on a rota basis)
1st Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, The Kings Crescent Estate Community Centre, Queens Drive, N4 2XD.
3rd Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, Azalea Court Community Hall, Queens Drive, N4 2LB.



LAB

Monthly roving surgeries by request.

Contact these cllrs on:
brian.bell@hackney.gov.uk;
clare.potter@hackney.gov.uk

6. HACKNEY CENTRAL



LAB

Cllrs Ben Hayhurst, Vincent Stops & Sophie Conway
(on a rota basis)
1st Thur each month
6-7pm, roving surgery. Please contact cllrs if you would like them to visit your street.
3rd Sat each month
11am-12noon, Wilton Estate Community Hall, Greenwood Road, E8 1BE.



LAB

Contact these cllrs on:
ben.hayhurst@hackney.gov.uk;
vincent.stops@hackney.gov.uk;
sophie.conway@hackney.gov.uk



LAB

2. CAZENOVE



LAB

Cllrs Anthony McMahon, Sam Pallis & Caroline Woodley
(on a rota basis)
1st Sun each month
2-3pm, Stamford Hill Library, Portland Avenue, N16 6SB.



LAB

2nd Thur each month
5.30-6.30pm, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.



LAB

3rd Sun each month
Roving surgery.
Last Fri each month
2-4pm, Stamford Hill Estate Community Centre, N16 6RS.
Contact cllrs on email:
cazenove@hackney.gov.uk;
or call: **020 8356 3373**.

7. HACKNEY DOWNS



LAB

Cllr Michael Desmond
1st Sun each month
11am-12noon, Luncheon Club, 19 Olympus Square, E5.



LAB

Cllr Anna-Joy Rickard
2nd Sun each month
10am-11am, Landfield Community Hall, Clapton, E5 80Z.
Cllr Sem Moema
2nd Sat each month
10am-11am, Beckers Community Hall, Rectory Road, N16 7QT.



LAB

4th Sun each month
Roving surgery.

3. CLISSOLD



LAB

Cllrs Sophie Cameron, Kofu David & Sade Etti
(on a rota basis)
2nd Tues each month
6.30-7.30pm, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.



LAB

3rd weekend each month
Roving surgery. All cllrs.
Contact cllrs on email:
clissold@hackney.gov.uk;
or call: **020 8356 3373**.



LAB

8. HACKNEY WICK



LAB

Cllrs Chris Kennedy, Jess Webb & Nick Sharman
(on a rota basis)
1st Sun each month
12noon-1pm, Trowbridge Senior Citizens Hall, 15 Lavington Close, E9 5HF.



LAB

Contact cllrs on email: Jessica.Webb@Hackney.gov.uk;
Christopher.Kennedy@Hackney.gov.uk;
Nick.Sharman@Hackney.gov.uk; contact Cllr Kennedy on: **07730 883 190**.



LAB

11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH



LAB

Cllrs Kam Adams, Feryal Clark & Stephen Race
(on a rota basis)
1st Sat each month
10.30-11.30am, Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP.



LAB

3rd Sat each month,
11am-12noon, roving surgery.



LAB

14. LEA BRIDGE



LAB

Cllrs Margaret Gordon, Ian Rathbone & Deniz Oguzkanli
(on a rota basis)
1st Thurs each month
6.30-7.30pm, Salvation Army Centre, 122-124 Lower Clapton Road, E5 0QR.



LAB

2nd Sat each month
1.30-2.30pm, Venetia's Coffee Shop, 55 Chatsworth Road, E5.
4th Sat each month
1-2pm, The Community Flat, Jack Watts Estate, 10 Detmold Road, E5.
Contact Cllr Rathbone on e-mail: ian.rathbone@tiscali.co.uk; or call: **07890 654 068**.



LAB

19. STOKE NEWINGTON



LAB

Cllrs Susan Fajana-Thomas, Mete Coban & Gilbert Smyth
(on a rota basis)
2nd Sat each month
11-12noon, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.



LAB

4th Sat each month,
Roving surgery, 11am-1pm.
Contact cllrs on email:
susan.fajanathomas@hackney.gov.uk;
mete.coban@hackney.gov.uk;
gilbert.smyth@hackney.gov.uk



LAB

4. DALSTON



LAB

Cllrs Soraya Adejare & Peter Snell
(on a rota basis)
3rd Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, E8 3QB.



LAB

Cllr Peter Snell
1st Wed each month
5.30-6.30pm, Rhodes Estate Community Hall, 24-30 Dalston Lane, E8 4SH.

Contact Cllr Peter Snell on:
07941 179 129.
Contact Cllr Soraya Adejare on:
07951 172 744.

9. HAGGERSTON



LAB

Cllrs Ajay Chauhan, Humaira Garasia & Patrick Spence



LAB

Cllr Ajay Chauhan
3rd Sat each month
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 33 Brougham Road, E8 4PD.



LAB

Cllrs Humaira Garasia and Patrick Spence
(on a rota basis)
1st Wed each month
6-7pm, Haggerston Community Centre, 8 Lovelace Street, E8 4FF.

12. HOXTON WEST



LAB

Cllrs Claydon McKenzie, Carole Williams & Yvonne Maxwell
Cllr Claydon McKenzie
3rd Sat each month
10.30-11.30am, Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP.



LAB

Cllr Carole Williams
3rd Wed each month
6-7pm, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1 7QX.



LAB

Cllr Yvonne Maxwell
4th Sat each month
10-11.30am, Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP.



LAB

2nd Sun every other month

15. LONDON FIELDS



LAB

Cllrs Anntoinette Bramble, M Can Ozsen & Emma Plouviez
(on a rota basis)
1st Thurs each month
6.30-7.30pm, Queensbridge Leisure Centre, 30 Holly Street, E8 3XQ.



LAB

3rd Sat each month
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 30 Brougham Rd, E8 4PD.



LAB

20. VICTORIA



LAB

Cllrs Katie Hanson, Clare Joseph & Penny Wrount



LAB

Cllr Katie Hanson
2nd Wed each month
7-8pm, New Kingshold Community Centre, 49 Ainsworth Road, E9 7JE.

Cllr Clare Joseph
1st Sat each month
10-11am, Hackney Central Library, 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ.



LAB

Cllr Penny Wrount
Last Sat each month
12Noon-1pm, Frampton Park Baptist Church, Frampton Park Road, E9 7PQ.

5. DE BEAUVOIR



LAB

Cllrs Polly Billington & James Peters
(on a rota basis)
2nd Sat each month
11am-12noon, Happy Cafe, 63 Downham Road, N1.



LAB

4th Sat each month
11am-12noon, Kingsgate Community Hall, Tottenham Road, N1 4DB.
Contact Cllr Peters on email:
james.peters@hackney.gov.uk;
or call members services on:
020 8356 3373.
Contact Cllr Billington on email:
polly.billington@hackney.gov.uk;
or call members services on:
020 8356 3373.

10. HOMERTON



LAB

Cllrs Robert Alan Chapman, Guy Nicholson and Anna Lynch



LAB

3rd Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, Bannister House Community Hall, Homerton High Street, E9 6BP.



LAB

Roving Surgery. For further details, call: **07821 330 532**.

13. KING'S PARK



LAB

Cllrs Sharon Patrick, Tom Rahilly & Rebecca Rennison
(on a rota basis)
1st Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, The Kabin, Kingsmead Way, E9 5QG.



LAB

3rd Sat each month
11am-12noon, Vi Forrester Hall, Gilpin Road, Clapton, E5 0LH.



LAB

16. SHACKLEWELL



LAB

Cllrs Michelle Gregory & Richard Lufkin (on a rota basis)
1st Fri each month
6-7pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Lane, E8 3BQ.



LAB

Monthly roving surgeries or meetings by prior arrangement.

Contact councillors on email:
michelle.gregory@hackney.gov.uk & richard.lufkin@hackney.gov.uk; or call members services on:
020 8356 3373.

21. WOODBERRY DOWN



LAB

Cllrs Jon Burke & Caroline Selman



LAB

1st Thurs each month
6-7pm, Joseph Court Community Hall, Amhurst Park, N16 5AJ.
4th Thurs each month
6-7pm, Amwell Court Residents' Hall, Amwell Court, Green Lanes, N4 2NY.
Cllr Caroline Selman
2nd Sat each month
10-11am, WDCO Office, Unit 2c Rowan Apartments, N4 1FS (Turkish translation service can be arranged in advance).
3rd Sun of month (October's surgery will be held on 4th Sunday, on 27th)
10-11am, Ben Simons Community Hall, Block 1-66, Lincoln Court, Bethune Road, N16 5EB.

A healthy eating programme from Shoreditch Trust

www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk



SHOREDITCH Trust's Food for Life programme runs free cooking classes and sharing meals in Hackney. We provide all the recipes, equipment and ingredients for cheap, quick, tasty meals made from everyday foods. Green vegetables such as leeks, broccoli and courgettes are a great source of vitamin C, iron and fibre. The added beans and walnuts from the pesto provide a good source of protein. This recipe is great served with our wholemeal bread rolls. To find your nearest course, visit: shoreditchtrust.org.uk, call: 020 7033 8529 or email: food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk

Chicken and vegetable soup

Serves: 4

Preparation time
10-15 mins

Cooking time
30-40 mins

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 4 boneless chicken thighs, chopped into pieces
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 200g of broccoli, broken into small pieces
- 2 courgettes, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2.5 litres of hot vegetable stock
- 6 ripe tomatoes, deseeded and chopped
- 2 x 400g of canned beans e.g. cannelloni or butterbeans
- 100g cous cous, vermicelli or cooked rice or barley.

(Optional) pesto

- 25g (1/2 bunch) basil
- 1 garlic clove (crushed)
- 25g walnuts

- 25g hard cheese, such as parmesan
- 3 tbsp olive oil.

Method

- Heat the oil in a large pan and gently cook the leek until softened, around 10 minutes. Add the tomatoes, chicken and stock, cover and simmer for 20 minutes
- If you are making the pesto put the basil, garlic, nuts, parmesan and oil in a blender, then whiz until smooth
- Add the broccoli, courgette, beans and cous cous or vermicelli to the soup. Simmer for another 5-10 minutes until the vegetables are just tender
- If using pesto, stir half of it into the soup
- Ladle into bowls and serve with bread and the rest of the pesto.

More info

To find out more about Shoreditch Trust's Food For Life programme, call: 020 7033 8529; email: food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk; or visit: www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk

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Get proposals ready for Windrush Generations grants

WINDRUSH Generations Festival 2020 is full steam ahead thanks to a funding award of £11,500 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

After the success of last year's festival, which saw Hackney win the Hearts for the Arts award for 'Community Cohesion' and global recognition at Apolitical's Global Public Service Teams of the Year awards, plans are now underway to create new events to honour and collaborate with Hackney's Windrush communities.

The festival will complement the UK-wide celebration which pays tribute to the outstanding legacy of the British Caribbean community.

Hackney's Windrush 2020 Festival will be



Hackney's Windrush communities will be celebrated at the festival

programmed throughout June and for National Windrush Day on 22 June.

It will build on last year's successful programme, which included inter-generational baking days across the borough.

This year's plans include a new Windrush Day schools competition to take Windrush history

and culture into schools, connecting the past to the present.

Community groups will be invited to contribute fresh ideas for events that could be funded by microgrants.

The call for proposals will launch in April. For more details, visit: hackney.gov.uk/windrush

Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS IN MARCH

16	Cabinet	6pm
16	Corporate committee	6.30pm
17	Licensing sub committee	2pm
18	Licensing committee	7pm
24	Licensing sub committee	7pm
25	Skills, Economy and Growth scrutiny commission	7pm
26	Licensing sub committee	7pm
30	Health in Hackney scrutiny commission	7pm

31	Pensions committee	6.30pm
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COUNCIL MEETINGS IN APRIL

1	Planning sub committee	6.30pm
2	Licensing sub committee	2pm
7	Licensing sub committee	2pm
14	Licensing sub committee	2pm
21	Licensing sub committee	2pm
22	Audit committee	6.30pm
29	Licensing sub committee	7pm

Info: 020 8356 3316/3302/3312; or visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/council-and-elections

Sudoku

For solutions see:
www.hackney.gov.uk/hackney-today

Easy

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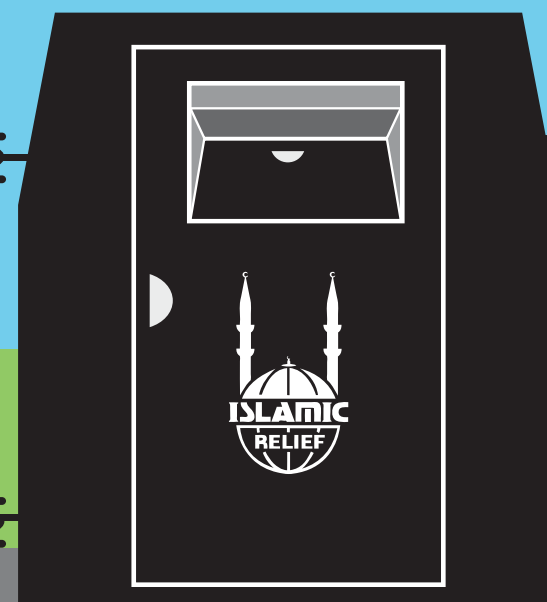
You might not love your old clothes any more, but someone else might.



So instead of throwing them in the bin, use our textile banks.



We even want things that can't be reused like worn out socks, tatty clothes and old bed sheets. 70% of items are sold to raise money for good causes. Everything else is shredded and turned into new items like cloths and blankets.



There are over 100 banks across Hackney.



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www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling

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 **Hackney**

Hackney Council is working with residents to regenerate the Colville Estate to provide new homes, including hundreds of genuinely affordable Council homes. To do this, the Council is rehousing tenants and negotiating with leaseholders to buy their properties. The Council is currently negotiating with leaseholders of 1-16 Ray House, 1-24 Girling House and 1-30 Kellett House, and has been meeting with tenants to either rehouse them or talk to them about moving into the next phase of the regeneration. Once Phase 2 is completed, the Council plans to demolish the vacated properties in order to build the next phase of new homes. As part of this process, below is a formal notification.

This is called an Initial Demolition Notice (“IDN”).

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY INITIAL DEMOLITION NOTICE, SECTIONS 182 AND 183 OF THE HOUSING ACT 2004 AND SECTION 138(A) AND SCHEDULE 5A TO THE HOUSING ACT 1985

To: The Residents
Of: Kellett House N1 5NJ, Ray House N1 5NL and Girling House N1 5NN

THE MAYOR AND BURGESSES OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY (“the Landlord”) hereby gives notice of its intention to demolish the building (“the relevant premises”) Kellett House, Ray House and Girling House of which your property forms part of described in the attached Schedule. This is to allow for the building of new homes as part of the Council’s Estate Regeneration Programme.

It is the Council’s intention that the demolition of the relevant premises will be carried out within the period January 2024 to January 2025. This Notice will remain in force up to and including October 2027 unless revoked or otherwise terminated under or by virtue

of paragraph 3 and 3A of Schedule 5A of the Housing Act 1985.

During the period of validity of this Notice, The London Borough of Hackney will not be under any obligation to make a freehold transfer or lease under Section 138(1) of the Housing Act 1985 in respect of any claim to exercise the right to buy in respect of any dwelling that is contained in the relevant premises.

This Notice does not prevent the making of a claim under the right to buy or the taking of any steps under this part in connection with any such claim up to the point where section 138(1) would otherwise operate in relation to the claim or the operation of that provision in most circumstances where the notice ceases to be in force but if the Landlord subsequently serves a final demolition notice in respect of the relevant premises, the right to buy will not arise in respect of it while that notice is in force and any existing claim will cease to be effective.

There may be a right to compensation under Section 138C in respect of certain expenditure incurred in respect of any

existing claim to right to buy. Details of the right to compensation and how this may be exercised are set out in the attached notes (if applicable).

Signed

Chris Trowell
Interim Director of Regeneration
For & on behalf of the Neighbourhood and Housing
London Borough of Hackney,
Town Hall
Mare Street
London E8 1EA

You may obtain further information about this Notice from:
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Estate Regeneration Team
Hackney Council
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London, E8 1FB
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Email: miranda.ferrier@hackney.gov.uk

SCHEDULE:
Kellett House N1 5NJ, Ray House N1 5NL and Girling House N1 5NN

- Notes**
1. The Landlord may serve a Final Demolition Notice at any time during the period that this Notice is in force.
 2. Compensation under section 138C is compensation in respect of expenditure reasonably incurred by the Tenant before the date of this Notice in respect of legal and other fees and other professional costs and expenses payable in connection with the exercise by the Tenant of the right to buy. Any claim for compensation must be supported by receipts or other documents showing that the Tenant incurred the expenditure in question and must be served on the Landlord in writing within three months of the date of this Notice.
 3. The Council can apply to the Secretary of State for an extension of the period that this Notice is in force
 4. A Public Notice confirming the demolition of the Building has been placed in a local newspaper and on the Council’s website.

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You can RECYCLE all of these ITEMS from your LOUNGE



good to know

Top tip:

- Cardboard packing from your online orders can also be recycled



If you are unsure about any items, want to check your collection day or order recycling bags, visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling







HM Government



Coronavirus

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food



For more information and the Government's
Action Plan go to nhs.uk/coronavirus

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& OTHERS**